An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.
Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, COLLINS of York, HILL of York, President
THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FREDETTE of Newport,
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TUCKER of Brunswick.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§27-C, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§35-A, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§2, ¶J, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §722, sub-§1, as amended by IB 2015, c. 3, §4, is further amended to read:

1. How tabulated. The Secretary of State shall tabulate all votes that appear by an election return to have been cast for each question or candidate whose name appeared on the ballot. For offices elected by ranked-choice voting, the Secretary of State shall tabulate the votes according to the ranked-choice voting method described in section 723-A. The Secretary of State shall tabulate the votes that appear by an election return to have been cast for a declared write-in candidate and shall tabulate the votes that appear to have been cast for an undeclared write-in candidate based on a recount requested and conducted pursuant to section 737-A, subsection 2-A.

Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §723-A, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §5, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes establishing ranked-choice voting enacted by the voters with Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 3.